

HOUSE RESOLUTION 417

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Warren Ballentine upon being named to Ebony Magazine's Power 100 List.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding individual is Warren Ballentine, an accredited motivational speaker, attorney, radio personality, and activist, who was recently named to Ebony Magazine's Power 100 List as one of our country's most influential African-Americans;

WHEREAS, born and raised on Chicago's South Side, Mr. Ballentine graduated from Calumet High School, Chicago State University, and Ohio Northern University's Pettit College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Warren Ballentine served with acumen and alacrity as a prosecutor and guardian ad litem before going into private practice and has tried a multitude of cases, including those involving murder, discrimination, sexual assault, police brutality, drunk driving, drugs, gang violence, and domestic relations; and

WHEREAS, expanding his horizons once again, Mr. Ballentine transitioned into a career in radio, where he has galvanized millions of people to take thoughtful and deliberate action to solve the pressing problems of our day and has been at the forefront of numerous political and social issues, including championing and leading the call for action for the JENA 6 movement, calling for the National Economic Blackout, advocating for increased political education, leading the ONE voter's registration campaign, and establishing the National Community Reinvestment Day, among many other nationwide initiatives; and

WHEREAS, syndicated in thirty-seven markets through Radio One, The Warren Ballentine Show is one of the highest-rated urban talk shows in the nation, and Warren Ballentine masterfully uses his platform to discuss and analyze political, legal, educational, religious, and social issues; and

WHEREAS, his three-hour daily show has featured numerous high profile and influential guests, including President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Al Sharpton, and Allen Gravitt; and

WHEREAS, his latest project, My Rule of Law, is a remarkable joint initiative with the Honorable Judge Glenda Hatchett aimed at increasing awareness of significant family law issues, especially child support, child custody, and visitation rights; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ballentine's opinions and insights are highly valued not only by his many listeners but also by esteemed professionals in the news, business, and political arenas; he is a recurring guest and correspondent for CNN and FOX Business News and has been featured in the New York Times, Atlanta Tribune, Black Enterprise, and Atlanta Business Journal; and

WHEREAS, Warren Ballentine is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Warren Ballentine upon being named to Ebony Magazine's Power 100 List, applaud his meritorious service to his community and our country, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.